

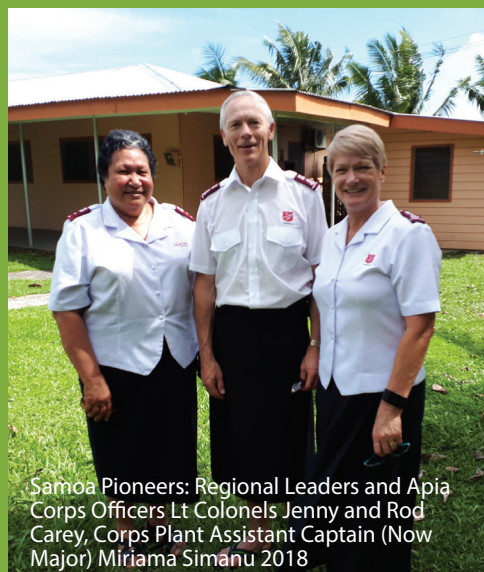


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Samoa Pioneers: Regional Leaders and Apia Corps Officers Lt Colonels Jenny and Rod Carey, Corps Plant Assistant Captain (Now Major) Miriama Simanu 2018

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Guest Editorial

Welcome to REVELATIONS 30

► "Why doesn't The Salvation Army start up in my home country of Samoa?"

This was the question posed to The Salvation Army by Salvationist Brother Silila Alao over many years as he faithfully prayed. After a series of mission engagement visits in 2017, an invitation was extended from then Prime Minister Honourable Tuilaepa Aiono Sailele Malielegaoi to begin the work of TSA Samoa Region.



Brother Silila Alao

In February 2018, two days after Tropical Cyclone Gita had swept across Samoa wreaking havoc, Lt Colonels Jenny and Rod Carey and Captain Miriama Simanu arrived.

Developing a much-needed Alcohol and Drug Addiction Treatment Programme to address the growing drug and alcohol abuse problems, the pioneering team also launched the Apia Corps Plant (to become a fully-fledged Corps in 2020). Worship and service went hand in hand as the Samoa Region of the New Zealand, Fiji, Tonga and Samoa territory grew.

God continues to guide and bless Autau O le Fa'aolataga to this day!

God's Blessings

Captain Julie Turner | Regional Leader Samoa/ Corps Officer Apia Corps ◀

OFFICIAL OPENING OF TSA SAMOA

3 – 5 August 2018



▲ 3 – 5 August 2018 – Special Guests: Honourable Prime Minister Tuilaepa Dr Sailele Malielegaoi and Territorial Leaders, Commissioners Andrew & Yvonne Westrupp

SAMOA OFFICERS AND STAFF



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1. TSA Staff Team 2022
2. Three Officers during Covid
3. Visit of Commissioners Julie & Mark Campbell 2022
4. All Samoa Officers (2017-2025) at Major Afolau Toluono's retirement service at New Lynn Corps, Auckland on 9 Feb. 2025

PERSON OF THE YEAR 2023

Sailivao Aukusitino Senio



► On 31 December 2023, Samoa AOD (Acohol and Other Drug) Addictions Team Leader Sailivao Aukusitino (Tino) Senio was named "Person of the Year" by Samoa newspaper *Samoa Observer*. This was a wonderful recognition of Tino's work in establishing a clinical addiction treatment programme in Samoa. Aukusitino and Natalie Senio (Clinician and Partnership Development Manager) began work with The Salvation Army Samoa in June 2018. ◀

ADDICTION PROGRAMME



Faletalatala Programme Dec 2020

► Funded by Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade NZ from 2018 – Jan 2025, The Salvation Army Samoa Addiction Services developed from no services at all prior to June 2018 to include Faletalatala programme, one to one assessments and counselling services, Tutuga Taume Training programme (supporting Salvation Army staff and other government departments and NGO's with mental health and addictions training), Faleola O Tupu (House of Life & Growth), Tanumalala Prison Faletalatala programme, Education workshops for businesses, Mental Health awareness and Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (EVAWG) activities. ◀



Prison ministry 2023



Faletalatala Programme Feb 2025

APIA CORPS PRAYER GROUP 2021



FIRSTS

Enrolment | Wedding | Amplify in Samoa



The first Soldiers, Adherents, and Junior Soldiers enrolled at Apia Corps on 19 May 2019. The number one Soldier was Anita Niusulu. The first wedding was held on 29 Aug. 2020: Mareta & Lui Apineru.

To date five Salvation Army weddings were officiated by Salvation Army Officers in Samoa. As at May 2025, there are 30 soldiers.

HISTORY OF SAMOA PROPERTY

20 May 2018

First church service for Apia Corps held at Salanesa Road, Moto'otua, Apia



August 2022

The Salvation Army Samoa Trust with the generous support of NZFTS Territory purchased current property at Cemetery Road, Vaivase Tai, Apia



May 2023

Corps staff and Addictions Staff moved into the Vaivase premises



23 July 2023

Official Opening of the Buildings at Vaivase-Tai – Conducted by Territorial Leaders, Commissioners Julie & Mark Campbell.



3 – 5 August 2018

Official Opening of Samoa Region



Handing over of key – August 2022 Major Miriama Simanu accepting the key from former owner Maualaivao Patelesio (Pat) Ah Him



19 June 2023

Official Moving Day for Apia Corps – Half of the church service was held at Moto'otua site, then van and flags led the convoy of congregation to the Vaivase-Tai site for the second half of the service

